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IRAQ: An underground anti-regime movement may be developing.

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[redacted] a tract signed by the "Secret Committee of the 30 June Uprising" that sharply attacked the regime and, in particular, accused Saddam Husayn Tikriti, the number two man in the ruling Baath hierarchy, of "deviationism," dictatorship, terrorism, and "enrichment of the few at the expense of the many." The tract threatened assassination of the "traitors" if the direction of the Iraqi revolution and the party were not corrected.

This alleged underground organization may be one reportedly made up of remnants of the group led by former security chief Nazim Kazzar that was responsible for the abortive coup last June. The government believes remnants of this group are responsible for a recent rash of brutal murders in the capital.

The homicides, which reportedly include the family of a former police chief and the father of the chief prosecutor in the trial that led to the execution of Kazzar and at least 35 others, are seen by political observers in Baghdad as part of a campaign to undermine the regime by creating an atmosphere of panic in the capital. Saddam Husayn, in a recent speech, charged that "imperialist collaborators" are plotting with counter-revolutionaries to overthrow the Iraqi Government. Government concern is further reflected in the offer of a \$30,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the murderers. The regime is also seeking the help of French homicide specialists.

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The 24-hour security crackdown on 28 September in Baghdad apparently was an attempt to track down remnants of the Kazzar group suspected of committing the recent murders. The increased security measures do not appear to have been related to any new coup attempt as suggested by the foreign press.

The internal situation in Baghdad remains basically unstable, however, with widespread dismissals in the bureaucracy and, to a lesser extent, in the army. There are also rumors that a purge is continuing within the ruling Baath. Uneasiness in Baghdad is further aggravated by uncertainties over the new role of the Communists and over the even more ominous tough stand being taken by the Kurds.

These signs of continuing unrest reflect the power struggle going on within the ruling Baath. If serious cleavages are indeed dividing the party, the military, which has remained generally aloof since the Baath took over in 1968, may begin to play a more active role.

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PERU: The government apparently has decided to move ahead with its take-over of the US-owned Cerro de Pasco Corporation. The nationalization may be announced as early as 3 October, the fifth anniversary of the military's accession to power.

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[REDACTED] Peru is concerned about what expropriation might do to its international financial position and its ability to attract further investment. For these reasons, the government is likely to be careful to couch the take-over in terms of a final offer to buy out Cerro. Any "offer," however, is likely to be far below that which the company would find acceptable.

A take-over will be a highly popular move for the Peruvian regime. Moderate officials who heretofore favored fair compensation for Cerro appear to have been surprised by the company's refusal on 23 September to sell out. Now, with Peru's "national honor" attacked, officials can hardly afford to support such a position.

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FEDAYEEN-ISRAEL-AUSTRIA: Unless the Austrian Government reneges, Chancellor Kreisky's decision to bow to Arab terrorist demands and close transit facilities in Austria for Soviet Jews immigrating to Israel marks the Palestinian commandos' most solid victory yet against Israeli interests.

The Israeli Government has criticized the Austrians for giving in to the terrorists and has asked the Kreisky government to reconsider. Prime Minister Golda Meir left for Strasbourg yesterday to attend the Council of Europe meeting, where she is expected to appeal Austria's decision. Regardless of whether the decision is reversed, Israeli retaliation against the fedayeen would come as no surprise.

It is not entirely clear, however, whether the Austrian Government intends to honor fully its bargain with the terrorists. While the terrorists still held hostages, Kreisky announced that Austria would no longer permit "group transports" of Soviet emigrants to Israel, but later he said that this did not mean that individual Soviet Jews could not pass through the country. Austrian officials reportedly also indicated that the Schoenau transit camp, where some 60,000 Soviet Jews have been processed over the last two years, could not be closed without the permission of the Jewish agency that runs it. The Austrian Chancellor added, "we shall have to think very carefully about closing down Schoenau." If Austria does not comply with the commandos' demand, it could, of course, become the target of more Arab terrorism.

The two terrorists landed in Libya on Saturday. There has been no indication of what, if anything the Libyan Government intends to do with them. According to press reports, Palestinian sources have hailed the operation as a major success and say that it is part of a larger plan to bring Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel to a halt. The closing of transit facilities in Austria would certainly make immigration more complicated.

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TRINIDAD: The surprise announcement on 28 September by Prime Minister Williams that he intends to resign soon startled the ruling party convention now in session. Williams cited the failure of Caribbean integration and the "backward drift toward colonialism" as reasons for his decision. The convention probably will ask Williams to stay on until a successor can be chosen, and this may be his ploy.

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icism, the Prime Minister has come under heavy fire recently for his failure to solve Trinidad's pressing problems. A "resignation" could be his way of forcing an accolade of praise from his supporters. The party convention really has little choice; Williams is the only Trinidadian with enough public recognition to hold the government together and avoid an era of considerable instability. [Redacted]

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USSR: The Soyuz spacecraft and its two cosmonauts were recovered on 29 September after an apparently successful two-day mission. [redacted]

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The mission probably was intended as a check of the Soyuz spacecraft and any modifications made since the last manned flight in 1971. [redacted]

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USSR-Ireland: Moscow and Dublin have agreed to exchange ambassadors "in the very near future." Although establishment of diplomatic relations was agreed to in principle in July, exchange of diplomats had been held up, in part because of concern in London that a Soviet Embassy in Dublin would ease entry of Soviet agents into the UK. [redacted]

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China: A joint editorial in honor of the anniversary of the People's Republic of China asked for new achievements to greet the National People's Congress, China's rubber-stamp legislature, but did not indicate when the congress would meet. [redacted]

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